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Editorially Speaking

"WHEELS"

If you ever drive north on Bayshore Freeway as you pass Moffet Field a large sign can be seen on the right which reads simply, "WHEELS." This sign is located several hundred yards from the runway and stands to remind pilots preparing to land their aircraft to lower their retractable wheels. Now, naturally any pilot knows very well the wheels of his craft must be lowered in order to effect a safe landing. But, he needs to be REMINDED. He can forget an important step in the operation of landing.

It seems to me this same thought can be carried over and applied in our Christian experience. There are things (charity, compassion for the lost, patience, prayer, temperance, etc.) which we believe without question are necessary practices if we are going to avoid a spiritual crash. We are easily deceived. For a time we can go along with little or no trouble when spiritual matters are put aside and given second place. But mind you, this can be only a temporary situation. When a real test is faced, disaster is the sure result because we forgot about our spiritual landing gear.

Just as the pilot needs a flashing bright sign "WHEELS" as a reminder, we need to have flash occasionally in our spiritual view, "PRAYER" "LOVE" "FORGIVE" "LABOR" "OBEY" and many other signs — all vital for our spiritual well being. ~

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Departing for Central America are Goldia Anderson (right), WMC president and Mrs. Alpha Henson of Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Turn to page 17 for details of this missionary trip.



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BEYOND ASKING

by

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Consulting Editor

Recently a Bible College student budgeted her needs and then prayed for part time work to meet them. To her delight she found a position paying exactly the amount she had decided on. In chapel service she testified to God's faithfulness and added, "I'd have asked for more if I had known it was so easy."

Prayer is just that simple. It is finite creatures coming to the Infinite who supersedes the natural by doing the supernatural. The Lord Jesus spoke of childlike faith to illustrate its simplicity, a need voiced, a prayer heard and a petition granted. Man, made in the image of God, knowing and loving his Creator, finds it as natural to pray as the new born babe to breathe. Even one who forgets God will turn involuntarily to his Maker in a time of crisis.

Prayer has many other avenues of expression beyond the simple asking. It may be a more solemn and dignified petition or the humble, earnest supplication. Or it may be an intense love and extreme devotion poured out in the presence of God. Intercession, a vicarious petitioning until the soul is spent with anguish, may be a part of prayer.

Why do we pray? First, to contact God. The hand of faith reaches out of the natural realm to clasp the hand of God who dwells in the supernatural realm. So the petitioner is lifted far above his own limitations by one who is omnipotent. Prayer does more for us than the granting of our requests.

Man needs diversion. It may be found in recreation or hobbies. It has been found in the soil of a flower bed or a rigorous floor scrubbing. But the best outlet for emotions and frustrations of life is found in communion with our Maker. Then the heart's secrets are bared to One who understands and loves.

God grants our desires. A certain

pastor needed a watch. So early one morning during her devotions, his wife prayed about it. Now, several days before a deacon in the church had made a deposit on some land only to regret it. Together with his wife they prayed, "Lord, if you will cause the owner to refund our money, we will give half of it to the pastor." The money was refunded without a word, the bills placed in an envelope and slipped to the preacher's wife the very morning she had prayed. Soon her husband wore a new watch.

Can we expect God to answer readily every request? How can one pray effectively? When is it not effective? First, Paul prayed three times to be rid of his thorn only to be told it had

been given him for a purpose, lest he be exalted above measure. In the Garden of Gethsemane the Lord Jesus prayed that the cup pass from Him, but He had come to this world for that hour. Prayer is effective only when it is the plan and will of God. If this is true of the Lord and the Apostle Paul, how can our prayers be answered when they are often prompted by selfish motives and carnal desires? The conclusion is this; the cleansed, sincere heart, yielded to the will of God can expect the impossible. It was Christmas season and a teen-ager desperately hunted employment in the business district of a metropolis. It climaxed when he was put

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AN URGENT CALL

THE DISTRICT PRESBYTERY CALL YOU TO A
DISTRICT WIDE SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER
JUNE 7, 1959, FOR OUR SUMMER CAMPS.

It is with a sense of real urgency that we call the entire District to prayer on the above date in the interest of Summer Camps, 1959.

SUMMER CAMPS can be a wonderful time of vacation and relaxation — BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH!

SUMMER CAMPS can be a time of visiting old friends and making new friends — BUT THIS IS STILL NOT ENOUGH!

SUMMER CAMPS can be a time of hearing good preaching and good music — BUT JUST TO HEAR IS NOT ENOUGH!

These reasons for attending SUMMER CAMPS are all valid, good and proper but it is our FIRM AND UNITED BELIEF that the prime objective for SUMMER CAMPS 1959 should be a "SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE." We believe that such a PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL starting in each CAMP MEETING will be carried back to the churches and will become District-wide. A wonderful, new moving of the SPIRIT OF GOD in PENTECOSTAL POWER in every church is our earnest prayer.

Will you join us in this District-Wide Day of Prayer for Summer Camps 1959? JUNE 7, 1959 — All during the day. From Family Devotions to Sunday School, Morning Worship, afternoon prayer meetings, evening service and private devotions. We MUST see souls saved, believers baptised in the Holy Spirit, bodies healed, a zeal for souls and a love for the brethren renewed in our ASSEMBLIES OF GOD. For this we urge you to join us.

PRAY for Boys and Girls Camps, C.A. Camps and Adult Camps at BETHANY PARK, MT. LASSEN, REDWOOD, MEEKER, and EMERALD COVE.

Joseph L. Gerhart.

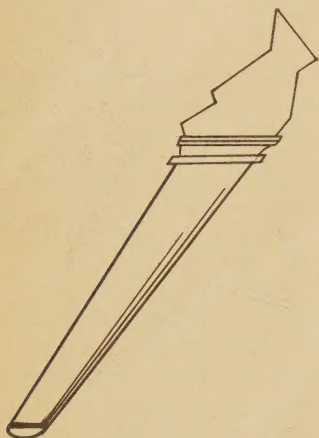
to work in the mailing department of a department store patronized by the wealthy. Days later a bewildered personnel manager searched futilely for an application form which should have been filled out. How it had been omitted was never discovered but the lad worked on until the season ended. God delights in doing the impossible.

Faith, too, has a place in prayer. Jesus said faith could move mountains. On whom does the responsibility of having faith fall? Does the preacher or the seeker provide it?

Either or both may contribute. An example can be given in a known case of Divine healing. A lady approached her pastor with the simple request to be anointed and prayed for. A few weeks later she bared her breast to his wife revealing a small scar. "I know cancer when I see it," she said. "After being prayed for, the growth dried up and finally fell out. Since, my husband took it to the University Clinic and had it analyzed. It is cancer." Simple faith followed by obedience in asking for prayer was rewarded by

a healing of miracle proportions. Yet we are only too conscious of weak faith. May our cry be "Lord I believe, help Thou my unbelief!"

We often only begin to tap the power of prayer. The resources are immeasurable. A challenge confronts us. The assests are unlimited. May we ask and intercede for "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think." So, with a heart abandoned to the will and purpose of God, dare to believe Him for the impossible.



The White Light of Truth

by S. A. Witmer

"I have chosen the way of truth"
—Psalm 119:30.

No statement of choice is more fitting to the Christian, disciple, and the gospel minister than this declaration of the Psalmist, because:

TRUTH is the *goal* of the learner.

TRUTH is the *condition* of discipleship.

TRUTH is the *path* to life eternal.

TRUTH is the *mission* of the ministry — to lead people from the darkness of self-deception into the glorious light of salvation.

God is Truth

Pilate asked the question: What is truth? He was standing in the presence of the answer when he asked that question, for GOD IS TRUTH. When the Psalmist declared that he had chosen the way of truth, he was in effect saying, "I have chosen the way of GOD."

In one of the most majestic utterances in the Bible, truth is ascribed to God. Moses called on earth and heaven to hear a momentous state-

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Dr. S. A. Witmer, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, delivered this message at Bethany Bible College last March 3.

ment. In Deuteronomy 32:1-4 is declared the majesty, the transcendence, the greatness, the unchangeableness, the holiness, the absolute perfection, and the justice of the Lord God. In the midst of extolling His name (character), Moses made the assertion that God is "a God of truth." He is a Being of absolute integrity. In His moral perfection, He is completely truthful.

Truth is ascribed to each member of the Trinity. Jesus Christ was Truth incarnate: "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life." In the matchless record of His life, there is not the least taint of dishonesty. He never practiced deceit on Himself or on others. He never told a white lie. There was perfect consistency between His words and His works.

Truth is also ascribed to the Holy Spirit. In each one of those memorable chapters of the last discourse of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is designated as "the Spirit of truth." (Cf. John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13) His mission in relation to the sinful is to "convince the world of sin" — the truth about man's moral condition; "of righteousness" — the truth about what men ought to be; "of judgment" — the final vindication of truth. The Holy Spirit's ministry to the believer is to lead him into all truth: "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all

truth" (John 16:13).

If God is TRUTH, it follows that all His ways are truthful. All that God does and says is in accord with the integrity of His being. This created universe never tells a lie because the God of truth made it. No farmer ever planted a kernel of corn that turned out to be a stalk of wheat. Nature is reliable because *truth* is in the fabric of creation.

Likewise, the moral universe never lies. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Because God is the Author of the moral law, *truth* is inherent in the Ten Commandments. The violation of any one of them involves a lie. For example, the person who disobeys the first one, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," enacts a falsehood, because there are no other gods. The idolator who bows down before "a graven image," transgressing the second Commandment, also enacts a lie, for it is impossible to reduce the infinite God to a piece of matter.

It is obvious too that God's words must be true. If the Bible is the Word of God, it must be true for a truthful God inspired holy men to write it. We may test the validity of any voice that claims to be the voice of the Spirit,

but when once we are assured that it is God speaking, argument and questioning should cease, for it is the voice of TRUTH. Only one response is then appropriate, that of unhesitating obedience.

If God is TRUTH, it follows that in the moral and spiritual realm there is *absolute truth*. There are fixed, immutable points in the moral universe. The distinction between right and wrong does not shift with fashions in the thinking of men. It rests upon the unchangeable nature of the unchangeable God. Some things have always been wrong and will always be wrong. Now this view of truth contrasts sharply with views that prevail in science and the modern educational world. Science knows nothing of final truth. In this age of relativity truth is only relative. At best a conclusion in science is only tentative, subject to re-statement with further experimentation. This view has been carried over into the area of morals and religion undermining the very foundation upon which our American freedoms and democratic institutions rest. The results are confusion, moral chaos, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, and widespread lawlessness.

The Trinity of Evil

I need hardly remind you that just as there is a Trinity of Truth in the kingdom of light and holiness and purity, so there is a trinity of lying in the kingdom of darkness. Satan, according to the Lord Jesus, is the father of lies. Speaking to the hypocritical Pharisees, He said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44). And the second person in this trinity of evil is the coming Big Lie — Antichrist. The Apostle says that his coming will be "after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness . . ." (II Thes. 2:9, 10). And corresponding to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, is the "spirit of error" (I John 4:6).

Transformation Into Realm of Truth

Since the fall, the natural man belongs to the kingdom of darkness rather than to the kingdom of light. He has an affinity with sin, with lying, cheating, deceit and error, and is under the influence of Satan, the father of lies. It is the gracious work of God's redeeming grace to trans-

late the sinner from the kingdom of darkness into the white light of the kingdom of God's dear Son. All that God does in conviction, in regeneration, and sanctification is to bring the object of His love into conformity to Truth.

It can well be said that there are two radically opposite poles in the moral realm. One is the pole of Truth — of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of Truth. At the center of the kingdom of darkness is the pole of lying, deceit and error centering in Satan himself. Naturally, we are wrongly polarized. We have a natural bias toward lying and believing lies. Before a child can speak it can act out a lie. It cries as if it were in pain when it only wants attention. This bears out the statement of the Psalmist: "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies."

This fact of a bias toward error explains much of what is going on in the world today. We wonder how intelligent, educated men can become adherents to soul-destroying, liberty-crushing, truth-perverting Communism, but the fact is that intelligence and mere education of the mind are not correctives to the sinful bias of the heart that inclines toward error.

The Crisis in Choosing Truth

When we substitute the word God for truth in the Psalmist's declaration, we begin to see what it means to *choose the way of truth*. It means to become completely free from self-deceit. It means to have done with cheating, telling white lies or black. It means to renounce completely all dishonesty, all deceit. It means to be conformed to the image of God's Son; to be Christlike means to be honest, transparent, truthful. It means that works must match our words, and life our profession.

All of this is included in becoming separated from the world, for the world is full of lying and deception. Several studies have been made lately of the typical college student in America, and here is one of the shocking findings: "Cheating is common in some of the major educational institutions." Cheating! It combines in one the sin of lying, the sin of stealing, and the sin of deception, and yet is commonly practiced! Certainly no Christian student should be guilty of this sin. If he should ever inadvertently do so, he should at once confess and repent of his sin, then trust God for pardon and be willing to make restitution.

When one chooses the way of truth, it does not ordinarily turn on whether he chooses a course in Bible or ethics. It is much more personal than that. It usually turns on a point of inner response to practical truth, — the Holy Spirit saying, "Do this or do that."

Over the years a file accumulated in my office of letters received from former students. Among these were some letters of apology and confession. I recall one from a missionary in India, who had spent many years in that land as a missionary. In substance it was as follows: "The Lord has been speaking to me about something that I must make right. I cannot have peace until I do. I left the school with an unpaid bill which I failed to pay in full. I want the college to forgive me, and I am asking the treasurer of the mission to send you a remittance of \$25.00 out of my allowance." A search was made of old records stored in the vault, and there it was — an item of only \$8.67, but it stood between that missionary and the free flow of God's blessing in and through her life.

Then I think of a letter from a pastor. He had been seeking a fuller measure of power and blessing in his life and ministry. But there was a block. God had been speaking to him by the still small voice of the Spirit to right a wrong committed during student days. He had taken something from the school shop to repair his car and hadn't restored it. It was of negligible value — only a dollar or two — but it eventually added up to disobedience to the will of God. He must confess the wrong and offer to make restitution.

Then there was the one who wrote: "God has been speaking to me. When I was in school I cheated in an examination. I don't deserve the grade, the credit, nor the diploma. Please forgive me. I am willing to make any restitution that you ask. I must go through with God above all else." Of course, while there is regret that such wrongs are occasionally committed, there is always a readiness to forgive as the mercy and grace of God are seen working in lives to bring them into conformity with the truth that makes men free.

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Danger Ahead?

Between the great things we cannot do, and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing.

New Officers Installed



The District Presbyters met in Stockton on April 28th for the installation of new officers and a luncheon in honor of Leonard Palmer, out-going superintendent.

Ruben A. Wilson was in charge of the installation service which was held at Calvary Tabernacle. The sweetness of the Lord's presence prevailed in this meeting which was marked with a spirit of love and unity. The three officers addressed the group briefly and then followed the prayer of dedi-

cation by Thomas Zimmerman and Bert Webb, both assistant general superintendents.

At the afternoon luncheon for Brother Palmer which was attended by the presbyters and Brothers Zimmerman and Webb, a check for \$1,277.43 was presented to Brother Palmer. This was a token of esteem for him and appreciation for his faithful labor in the District.

(Left) Brothers Zimmerman and Webb pray God's blessing and guidance for the three District officials. The Presbyters are gathered around. (Upper, right) R. A. Wilson presents Brother Palmer with the check. (Lower right) the Presbyters and Officers at the luncheon held in honor of Brother Palmer.



VISITORS WELCOME

It is always a pleasure to have members and friends visit the District office. Office hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily, Monday thru Friday, *closed all day Saturday*. When coming on business it is advisable to make an appointment with the person you wish to see, otherwise he may be away on a field assignment.

Office prayer service, 10:00 a. m. daily, Monday thru Friday. You are welcome to join us.



GREETINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT OFFICERS

At the beginning of this new term of office we would like to take this opportunity to wish ministers and churches of our District God's rich blessing and sustaining strength as we labor together. We covet your earnest prayers and continued support, knowing that in love and unity the Kingdom of God will prosper in our District for the sake of souls.

In His Service,
Joseph L. Gerhart, supt.
Ruben A. Wilson, ass't. supt.
Jack R. Edgar, sec.-treas.

Ione Dedication First of Its Kind In Movement

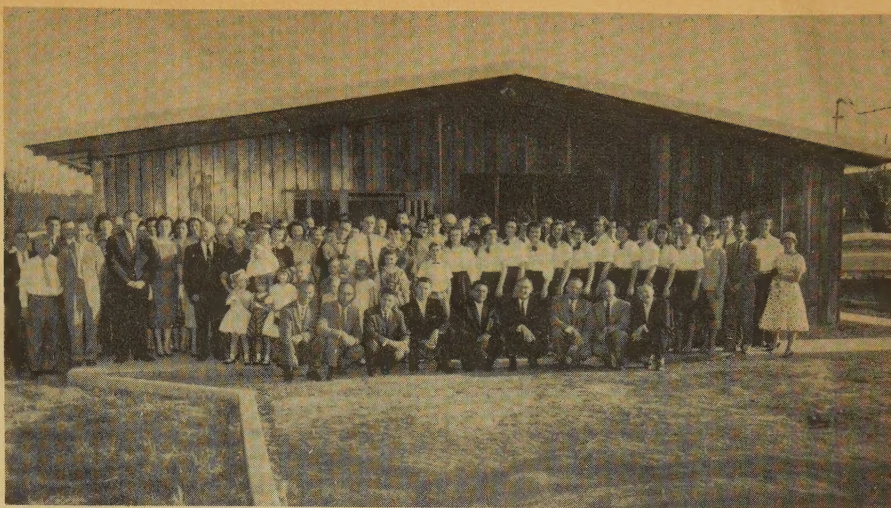
Dedication services were held April 5th for the Ione Assembly of God Church. This is the first project of its kind in the entire Assemblies of God movement. That is, it is a C.A. Home Missions sponsored church. The greater part of the money for the



The Seaburg family.

building was provided by the District C.A. Department. The necessary balance was financed through the Home Missions Department.

By this means a beautiful church seating 100 with a comfortable 2-room apartment in the rear plus ample



Ione Assembly of God and group attending dedication.

Sunday school space has been constructed in a needy community.

Rev. Truvon Rogers was pastor when this project was first begun in Ione. In August of this year Rev. Paul Seaburg assumed the pastorate and saw the work to completion. Actual construction of the building was under the direction of L. R. Anderson. Brother Anderson moved to Ione for the duration of the job and was present at the dedication to tell how God had His hand in the project and also to mention those who had donated their labor.

About 160 people were in attendance at the dedication where Rev. Ruben A. Wilson, assistant superintendent, brought the message of dedication and Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart, superintendent, offered the dedicatory



Left to right, L. R. Anderson, builder; Paul Seaburg, pastor; Walt Boring, D-CAP.

prayer.

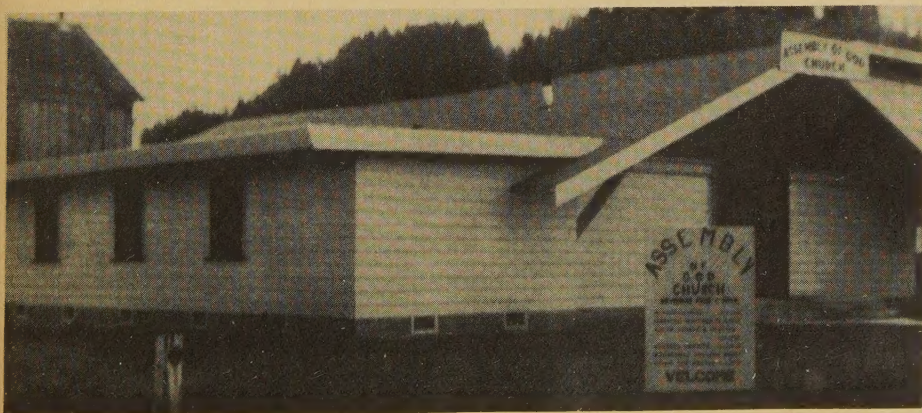
The building is located on a 75x100 foot lot. The structure itself measures 50x53 feet and will seat 200 people. A lovely C.A. hall opens into the auditorium. It contains ample Sunday school space as well as a pastor's study. The property has been estimated at \$12,000.00, however, the cost did not exceed \$6,000.00.

On March 29 the church and pastor dedicated their new building. District Superintendent, Leonard Palmer officiated at the service and was also guest speaker.

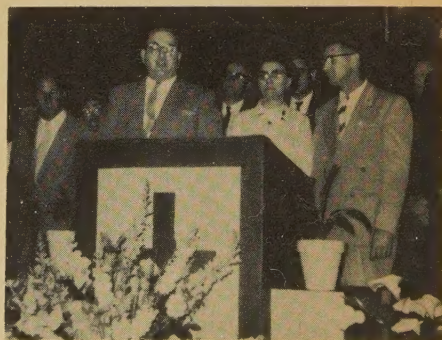
Ferndale Dedicates Building

The Ferndale Assembly of God Church was started about 18 years ago under the ministry of Sylvia Boyer Watkins. God has blessed the church during the intervening years. In August of 1957 Rev. and Mrs. Fred Howe accepted the pastorate at which

time \$826.00 was in the building fund. Rev. Stanley Morris, the former pastor, had already prepared a floor plan for the proposed building. In Nov. 1957 Brother Howe and the church began construction. The building was completed by Jan. 1959.



Ferndale Assembly of God Church.



Front row, l. to r., Leonard Palmer officiated at the service; Sis. Howe, Fred Howe, pastor; Samuel Sanders, presbyter.

Sunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



ADVANCE CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Springfield, Missouri is the home of the annual Advanced Christian Training School. The years A.C.T.S. convenes on the campus of Central Bible Institute June 1-5.

All of the instructors are leaders in their respective fields and fully pentecost in their experience. Such men as J. Robert Ashcroft will lecture each morning to the combined student body. E. S. Williams will conduct a class on "Modern Day Cults." Dr. Goldsmith, who is head of the Education and Psychology Department of Evangel College, will instruct a class on "Church and Social Problems."

In all there are 24 faculty members for this week of intensive week of study.

The various subjects being offered are planned especially for District Directors, Sectional Representatives, Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Child Evangelism Workers, and Christian Educators. In all there are 33 different classes. A brand new feature this year will be a writers conference under the leadership of members of the literature department of the Gospel Publishing House. There will be a craft program in the afternoons.

The cost of attending A.C.T.S. is so low that anyone can afford to attend. Twenty-one dollars covers the cost of tuition, meals, room and insurance for this five day school.

Your District Sunday School Director has contacted the Santa Fe train company and a half fare has been offered to all Clergy and an attractive family plan for all laymen who are interested. Contact the district Sunday School office for further information.



Lasting Impressions

Impressions made on young hearts and minds are lasting impressions! The influence and environment of the first few years of a child's life mold characteristics that last into adulthood.

The training of a child is one of our most important ministries! Yet, a very small per cent of our churches conduct a yearly Vacation Bible School.

An excellent VBS course, "Flying with Christ," has been prepared by the Gospel Publishing House. This brand-new course is fully Pentecostal in approach and very attractive in appearance. Boys and girls will be fascinated with the course and its theme of flying. "Flight logs" are prepared for each student.

A VBS will reach children for the church, teach them of the Christian life, and win them to the Lord. Conduct a VBS in your church this summer!

New S.S. at Flournoy

Flournoy, California, has a new Assembly of God Sunday School which began January 4, under the leadership of Sister Iva Marlenee. The first Sunday there were 21 present and the attendance has grown to 35 with 60 present for Easter Sunday. Sister Zelma Argue spoke to the Easter congregation with several raising their hands for salvation. This new group is now meeting in the community hall. All utilities are paid by the community and a furnished house, rent free, for Sister Marlenee.

With the discount on Sunday School Literature from the Gospel Publishing House, this new Sunday School has been able to support the entire program.

A New Sunday School — Yes, it's possible for us to start many new Sunday Schools throughout our great district.

Our Sectional Sunday School Representatives have pledged to help start and encourage new Sunday Schools in their sections in 1959. If you know of an area that needs a Sunday School consult your Sectional Sunday School Representative and Sectional Presbyter.

In order to grow we must have a vision and utilize the avenue of growth which is the Sunday School. Let's go on to a million by 1960.


MEETING CHRIST IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS!



BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP



Flournoy Sunday School



IT'S

CAMP MEETING TIME

ENJOY THE . . .

- Gospel Preaching
- Christian Fellowship
- Fine Music
- Good Recreation
- Anointed Teaching

6 Beautiful Locations for Your Convenience

Bethany Park

Kenneth Roper, Speaker

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP — July 6 - 11

for 9 to 10 year olds

July 13 - 18 for 11 to 12 year olds

Billie Reeves and Wife, Speakers

WMC RETREAT — August 11 - 13

Redwood Camp

ADULT CAMP — July 1 - 12

Judge B. Lindsey, Speaker

YOUTH CAMP — July 20 - 25

Bobby Clark, Speaker

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP — July 27 - August 1

Roy Blakley (Captain Butch and Jimmy)

Mt. Lassen Camp

ADULT CAMP — July 1 - 12

Dwight McLaughlin, Evangelist

Paul Trulin, Teacher

YOUTH CAMP — July 13 - 18

Kenneth Roper, Speaker

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP — July 20 - 25

Billie Reeves and Wife, Speakers

Camp Meeker

ADULT CAMP — July 18 - 25

Clyde Henson, Speaker

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP — July 13 - 18

John McPherson, Speaker

Bass Lake Camp

YOUTH CAMP — July 26 - August 1

Kenneth Roper, Speaker

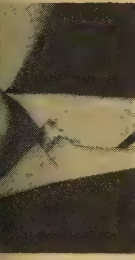
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Harry Leacock and Red

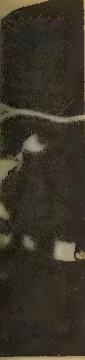
American Indian Fellowship Camp

June 23 - 28 — Greenville, Calif.

Frank Horne, Speaker



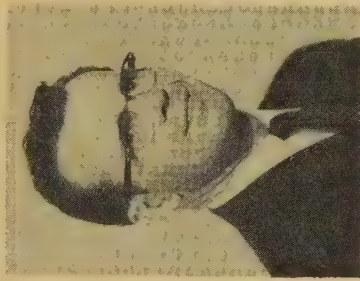
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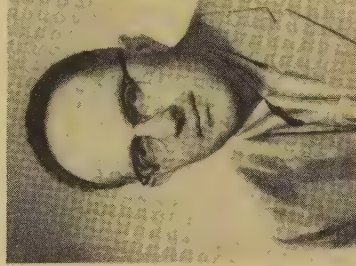
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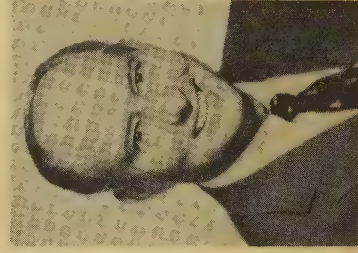
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HAVE A REAL VACATION !!

Vallejo, Benicia, Fairfield Hold Simultaneous Conventions

By Arlen & Naomi Backer

Under the direction of Rev. Paul G. Trulin, Pastor of the First Assembly of God Church of Vallejo, California, a successful Missionary Convention was held the week of March 1 thru 8. Cooperating churches in the Convention were the First Assembly of God church of Benicia, California, Rev. E. Klinsky Pastor, and the First Assembly of God church of Fairfield, California, Rev. D. E. Park, Pastor.

In preparation of this great Convention the Vallejo Assembly erected eight Missionary booths in the lower auditorium representing many different home and foreign fields; thus creating a spirit and atmosphere for missions. The main auditorium was decorated with many foreign flags, missionary posters, and a scene representing the Philippine Islands. The main auditorium was decorated by Arlen and Naomi Becker.

The Missionaries participating in the Convention were the Lewis Spencers of Costa Rica with their lively

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Pictured above are those who participated in the Convention. Top row, left to right, Wheeler Anderson, son, Mrs. Anderson, Gunder Olsen, Mrs. Olsen, Kay Kaufman and Mrs. Kaufman. Second row, left to right, Paul Finkenbinder, Lewis Spencer, Mrs. Spencer, George Effman, George Anderson, son, Mrs. Anderson, Herbert Felton and Mrs. Felton. First row, left to right, Paul Trulin, Edward Klinsky and D. E. Park.

Lodi Conducts Successful Missionary Convention

By MRS. GENE FORREST

"What Will The Harvest Be?" was the theme chosen for the Missionary Convention held recently at the First Assembly of God in Lodi, California.

As the people entered the auditor-

ium they could well imagine that they had been transported to another land. The entire platform had been transformed into a native scene from the Philippines. A real grass shack on stilts was the center of attraction. The

shack was surrounded by greenery to look like dense jungle. The background of the scene was an oil painting of a Philippine harvest scene large enough to look very real. At the foot of the painting several rows of sheaves were placed to look like a harvest field.

What appeared to be a real palm tree in the foreground was really a tree trunk made of two heavy cardboard rolls on which linoleum is sold. These were wrapped with burlap and sprayed with paint. Live palm branches were fastened to the top. If you look closely, you will even see that real coconuts were tied to the tree and a little monkey sits in the branches!

The little native climbing the tree was used as a gauge to show the total of the offerings. He was made of cardboard with yarn hair and real clothes. As the offerings increased he was pulled higher up the tree.

Hearts were stirred by the needs of the different fields as the challenge went forth each night. The missionary team represented Africa, Chile, and the Philippines.



Christ's Ambassadors



Walt Boring, D-Cap



Adventure in Grad-u-rama

By BRUCE YORK

A mammoth step is taken every year by many of our C.A.'s. It is an honor which introduces them to greater responsibility and maturity. Why not share in the thrill of graduation by planning a Christian activity honoring our C.A.'s and their friends in this important event? The time to start is now and here are some hints for your adventure.

Plan

Let's begin planning with the pastors in your local area or section. Let them contribute their ideas and suggestions along with a general outline of the standard and procedure they would agree to support and promote. Pastors are interested in a program to honor their C.A.'s or meet a need, and many times they will pledge financial support from their individual churches to help underwrite the special entertainment features. From their experience they may be able to suggest a suitable name or theme for this particular activity or banquet. Their interest and assistance will lend stability to the whole general project.

Now let your plan take roots with local C.A. officers. Here is a real team of eager beavers just waiting to be enthused and put to work on special committees. Try from this first meeting to settle on the important question such as a time, place, budget, age limits, if any.

Out of these planning committee meetings will come localized interest and originality. Try to incorporate as many of these ideas as possible. In one instance the C.A. officers felt that such a special occasion as this would warrant a formal dress banquet with

all the frills.

Do be sure to get a well written news article prepared for release in the local newspapers headlining this special event.

Prayer

It is good for us to always remember that no matter how well planned our activities may be, that to accomplish the deeper purpose in all our plans; we need the wisdom, direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Share this dependent conviction at each meeting with the pastors, officers or committees, calling upon them for their prayers. Work and prayer go hand in hand in the Lord's work and our ultimate success or accomplishment in Christian projects depends upon this team work.

Program

Make the program as involving, entertaining, elaborate, and interesting as possible. Get in gear for the occasion. Make it different! Keep it moving! Nothing is worse for young people than a dull, lifeless, uneventful evening.

Suppose we suggest a few ideas, of course you will get many more if you go looking. Write your D-CAP and his wife a letter with complimentary tickets inviting them to be honored guests at the occasion. He might be asked to conduct an interesting interview time with grads presenting them with honors or special remembrances provided in their honor.

Decide on an appropriate Master of Ceremonies with attractive outside talent as well as local talent. Some comedy routines could be appropriately spaced through the evening. Souvenirs could be provided which would make cherished keepsakes if a local part time photographer would be invited to take pictures during the evening for a nominal fee.

Purpose

The Grad-u-rama will be a happy and wholesome experience for your Young People and their friends as a special social function; and to many of them, the event of the year. Christ Ambassadors, however, will not feel the deepest purpose had been accomplished unless the proper spiritual serious time is an integral part of the evening. One of our gravest concerns was choosing the proper closing. Sometimes a christian film with an appropriate challenge will set the stage for the chosen person to sum up the compliments with discerning spiritual remarks. This might not be called a sermon or a preaching service but this moment of dedication did yield several hands of unsaved guests asking for prayer as well as an overwhelming desire of all honored graduates to further dedicate their lives and futures to the Lord Jesus Christ. We do pray that your adventure into Grad-u-rama will be as successful and rewarding for you as it has been for others.

Chowchilla C.A.s Run Full Program

Patricia Watson, C. A. president Chowchilla First Assembly, recently sent in an amazing report on the activities of her group. She mentions that due to much prayer and planning the group has grown to an all time high of 63 members. Included in their many activities are a Tuesday night prayer meeting, a Wednesday night

C. A. service, a Sunday afternoon hospital call and regular church visitation work. To further add to their full schedule they are now making plans for street meetings this Summer.

The past few months have seen the fulfillment of two important projects. First, the group completed the pastor's study and beautifully furnished it throughout. Second, they took advantage of an unused room in the church annex to build a very lovely library. Every C. A. has a library card and it

is run just like a public library.

The fellas in this much alive group have formed a club called "The Christian Boy's Fellowship." They meet every Saturday to clean the church and keep the grounds up. In addition to all these honors this group was able to come up with a 100% GOAL checkup this year which certainly indicates their program is outstanding even on a national standard.

We say "hats off" to this group, they are an asset to our whole program.



On Mar. 22 the Ambassador Choir of B. B. C. sang the anthem "The Seven Last Words." Kermit Feffrey is pastor.

SAN JOSE —

Friendly Bible Church enjoyed the B. B. C. Waymakers Quartet on Easter Sunday. Following a potluck dinner there was an afternoon singspiration. Recently the church pledged \$1250 toward a new organ and now are enjoying it. Guest speakers of late are Orville Painter and Goldia Anderson. The pastor is Rayford Aderholt and associate, William Wood.

SANTA ROSA —

Assembly of God participated in a Music Emphasis Week Mar. 8-15. Directed by Minister of Music Stephan Asmuth. Various guest musicians including B. B. C. Choir were present, as well as the local choir. The pastor is Adrian Benning.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO —

Pastor Carl Curtwright reports the Teacher Training Class held by Sunday School Director David Colbert was highly successful. The Musical Aires of Palo Alto were guests Mar. 8. Four responded to the invitation for salvation. B. B. C. student Ken Olson is assisting at First Assembly.

TURLOCK —

Pastor Robert Carrington attended a Foreign Missions Board meeting in (Continued on Page 18)

ANDERSON —

Evangelist Zelma Argue has been ministering during a wave of revival. Meetings have been held nightly and at least 20 have been baptised in the Holy Spirit. Pastor Jack W. Wien.

BOYES SPRINGS —

Pastor Albert Finch reports a special meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl O. Dean in March. Nine came for salvation, six received the baptism and eight were refilled.

CAMPBELL —

Missionary George Anderson, soon to return to Africa, was speaker March 11. The pastor is Herbert Johnson.

CARMICHAEL —

Easter Sunday the Bethany Bible College choir was featured at both services. L. W. Suter is pastor.

CITRUS HEIGHTS —

San Juan High School auditorium was secured for the Capitol Section C. A. Rally March 23. Gene Forrest of Lodi was speaker. Dwight Wilson is sectional chairman.

CLEAR LAKE HIGHLANDS —

Their Sunday School record was broken Mar. 1 with 40 in attendance.

MARYSVILLE —

Pastor Floyd Thomas reports a revival meeting with Evangelist Alpha Henson Mar. 25 - April 15.

MODESTO —

Bethel First Church made notable progress during the past year. Pastor L. B. Lewis writes over 100 members have been received. A financial income of \$40,000 is reported and the Sunday School averaged 251 for February. There is good unity.

OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple enjoyed the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Wilkerson of Palo Alto in a two-week evangelistic meeting in March. Oliver Foth is pastor.

PITTSBURG —

Bella Vista Assembly averaged 125 in Sunday School for February. Recently 7 were saved and 2 received the baptism. The pastor is W. L. Farmer.

RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple and Pastor

J. Boyd Wolverton had Evangelist Gene and Ruth Martin for services in March. The annual missionary convention will be held April 30 to May 3 with Kenneth Short convention speaker.

RIO LINDA —

Pastor J. C. Browning began pioneering this work Feb. 8 in a rented store building. They now have a new piano and chairs and plan on building soon. They will be happy to make contacts in that area. The church address is 430 M St., Rio Linda.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple heard guest speakers Shelley Clemments and Bob Manning of YFC April 5. Director Paul Johnson and the S. C. B. C. choir brought the music of the evening.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple heard the Fred Squires Evangelistic Team in March.

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Pastor Acclaims Its Advantages

The following quotation, from a letter written by a pastor in Iowa, is a typical reaction to the program. "We have been very happy with the potentiality that Church Extension Plan has provided for a church of our size. It has been an answer to our prayers as a way of financing our new church."

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Rev. Atwood Foster, president, recently visiting with Rev. G. C. Sturgeon, pastor, Auburn, Calif.

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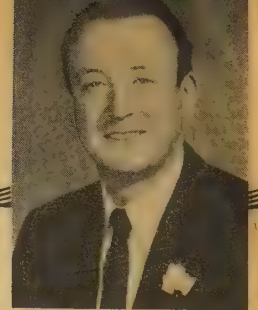
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CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN

Men's Fellowship



WALT HANSON, President



Sectional Reports

Reno, Nevada

On April 18th E. A. Ross, Nevada Section M. F. Director, conducted a sectionwide meeting. The men met in Reno at the Assembly of God Church, Rev. B. H. Givins host pastor. Guest speakers were Walt Hanson and Gunnar Sondeno. It proved to be a time of blessing and presented anew the challenge of soul winning. The next day, Sunday, Walt Hanson traveled to Sparks for the morning service while Gunnar Sondeno remained in Reno. In the three services they held in Nevada 18 were won to the Lord.

Redwood Section

In the Redwood Section March 7th will long be remembered as the day the "Giant of Pentecost," the laymen, were challenged to go forward and

"Win Men For Christ." One hundred and fifty men, some coming long distances, met at Bethel Assembly in Eureka for this sectional rally. Walt Hanson and Gunnar Sondeno were on deck to present their thrilling messages. The crowning of this great service came when a man over 40 years old, who had never been a Christian and had never in his life knelt to prayer, gave His heart to God.

THE CHALLENGE OF EVANGELISM



By
Gerald Boyd

Part II

LAST MONTH WE PRESENTED THE CHALLENGE OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM AND THE JOY THAT IS YOURS IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IN WITNESSING. THIS MONTH WE WANT YOU TO LOOK AT YOUR LIFE AND CON-

men prayed and testified God wrought a miracle of grace in his soul. Another man was a heavy drinker for thirty-five years. Now, for the past two years, this man has been a testimony of God's miracle-working power of deliverance.

Our first section-wide meeting was

SIDER THAT WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO BEING AN EFFECTUAL SOUL-WINNER.

I. ASK GOD TO SEARCH YOUR HEART.

The Psalmist David prayed, "Search me and know my heart O God." Before God can properly motivate us for service He must possess our heart for out of it come forth the issues of life. Service to Christ must generate from a pure heart. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Only as we yield our body and soul to God is He able to direct our lives. Henceforth we labour, serve, and witness for Him not for filthy lucre's sake, but because we love Him. Our worship and service to Christ must be unfeigned. You will witness not to win them just to your church but to win them to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

II. ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU A GENUINE LOVE FOR THE LOST.

The lost word in most Church circles is "concern" for the unsaved. The greatest commandment of the Bible is, "That thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. The second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." To love and

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Pastor Supports

Contra Costa M.F.

As pastor of Calvary Temple in Concord I enthusiastically support Men's Fellowship which had its beginning in our church about six years ago. Upon feeling the need for a closer fellowship we began a Saturday night prayer meeting for men. A year later we invited Jack Epperson to meet with us to organize a Men's Fellowship. This organization has continued with a monthly meeting. We thank the Lord for the many men that have been won to the Lord through this ministry. I would like to make reference of some. One that is now serving us as Sunday School Superintendent is Captain Michael Irby of the Mt. Diablo Fire Protection District. With his entire family he was won to the Lord through this program. Brother Irby's life has evidenced such an exemplary change that his Christian faith has been recognized by the Fire Department which has made him its Chaplain though he is a layman. The Vice-president of our Men's Fellowship, Leslie Lopez, was won to Christ through this program. He professed to be an athiest, but when our

held in the Antioch Assembly of God Church on February 21. Joe MacFarland, sectional representative, presided over this meeting. Approximately fifty men attended this meeting, who heard an inspirational message by District President Walt Hanson.

R. A. Work, Pastor.



be concerned about others as we are about ourselves is the big lack in our Christian walk. Are you really concerned about your neighbor's soul?

John Knox preaching in Scotland with tears streaming down his cheeks cried, "God give me Scotland or I die." Without a depth of conviction that what you possess spiritually has changed your life and will change the lives of others, you will lack concern and enthusiasm in witnessing.

Paul states in Romans 9:2, 3 "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." It is this heart-felt concern we need. McClaren said, "The measure of a man's usefulness is determined by his depth of compassion."

III. OVERCOME YOUR FEAR OF MAN.

Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." The enemy is subtle and will do all in his power to rob us of our testimony, by causing us to consider what the unsaved will think or say. Read Matt. 10:28.

Too many times the purveyors of dubious and spurious varieties of religion put us to shame by their zeal and boldness. God help us to manifest some of the power to witness which the Word of God promises to those that have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Wesley said, "We should be out of breath pursuing souls."

IV. DEVELOP A POSITIVE SINCERE APPROACH.

For your witness to be effective speak in a positive straight forward manner. Don't display a timid, apologetic spirit as it will only convey that you doubt what you are saying. If you believe emphatically in what you are a witness of, act, and speak like you mean every word of it for it is the truth. Remember, you are Christ's representative here on earth. The salvation of the unbeliever hangs in the balance. Consequently, you should be very sincere, enthusiastic, and positive in your witnessing.

V. PRAY FOR THE LEADING OF GOD'S SPIRIT.

Before you witness and as you pause for answers during your conversation, pray. This may be your only opportunity and the sinners last to accept the Lord as his Saviour. So much depends upon your tact, love, and concern for his soul.

NEXT MONTH: *The art of leading a soul to Christ.*

Latin American songs. The Gunder Olsens of the Philippine Islands with their dynamic ministry of the Word. Mrs. Riley Kaufman and daughters portrayed a vivid picture of the radio ministry of the Orient. Rev. Riley Kaufman could not be with us due to the fact he was at Yale University studying the Mandarin language. The George Andersons and the Wheeler Andersons of Ghana, West Africa thrilled us with their songs in the African language. Paul Finkenbinder of San Salvador brought stirring messages and told of his radio broadcasts in Central and South America. The Herbert Feltons, formerly of Peru, now of Argentina, were an elderly couple that warmed hearts as they told of their many experiences of their thirty some years of labor in the land of Peru.

George Effman, home missionary to the American Indians, brought a picture of a ripened harvest field that is many times overlooked and forgotten. Many of our real American brethren sit in poverty and spiritual darkness because so few have the true vision of the home mission field.

The services ran concurrently in each of the three churches every night of the week except Saturday. A joint missionary rally was held the last Sunday afternoon of the convention at the Vallejo Assembly. All of the missionaries were present and in full costume.

During the week, the W.M.C.'s of each church served luncheons at which the missionaries would present the human side of missions.

Pastors and members of the churches deemed the convention a huge success. The purpose was to bring to the hearts of the people the real spirit of missions. God laid on his people their part in giving. The total offering for the Vallejo Assembly was \$1600.00 in cash. \$150.00 in pledges was added to the regular monthly support of missionaries. The Benicia church, in addition to cash offerings, pledged \$101.00 per month above what the church is already giving.

Praise the Lord for missionaries and missionary conventions that can stir hearts and enlarge vision for missions.

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W.M.C. Activities

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President



W.M.C. President Touring Central America

April 25th the District WMC president, Goldia Anderson, left from the San Francisco Airport for a six week tour of Central America. Accompanying her on this missionary trek is Mrs. Alpha Henson, wife of Pastor Henson, Bethel Temple, Sacramento. (Cover picture). The ladies were joined in Texas by Edith Whipple, national WMC director.

In Guatemala City, Guatemala they will attend and speak at the WMC

Convention for all of Central America. On their way through Mexico two days will be spent at Acapulca visiting the Assemblies of God Orphanage there. Along with visits to practically every Central American country they will be with Helen Rye in Jamacia and Robert Fierro in Porta Rica.

Pray that God will bless and make a blessing our WMC president and her traveling companions on this worthy missionary trip.

CAMP DISPLAYS

Remember that again this year we want your lovely displays during Camp Meeting. We depend on this great store of goods to finish outfits for our missionaries and also furnish our commissary for the year. By the way, our commissary is completely depleted, and we are depending on our groups to furnish it. Make sure each item is labeled with the church name and that you have a display card also naming your church.

THE MISSION CALL

The cry of souls from distant lands
Awakes my heart, prevents my sleep;
How dare I hear the gospel twice,
While some have never heard at all
That God is love?

The distant drums of natives beat
Their rhythm of pathetic fear,
And souls cry out in darkest night,
While I enjoy this promise sure,
Grace is for all!

How dare I sit contented, still,
While souls are perishing so fast,
Without a single warning clear
Of judgment in eternity,
For those who sin?

Though Satan rage and hell withstand,
I must proclaim to untaught men
That God in mercy gave His Son,
A ransom sure for everyone
Who will believe!

—James M. Meyers.



Mercedes Bowen

Mercedes Bowen Giving Time To Missionettes

Mrs. Mercedes Bowen of Sunnyvale is now giving her time to District W. M. C. work, organizing Missionette groups. God is blessing her in this worthy work as she is donating her time and travels to the different churches.

On April 14 she went to Novato, Northland Assembly of God, and organized the group there. May 24 she will be in the Sacramento area.

Any groups interested in contacting Sis. Bowen may do so by writing the District WMC office.

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BETHANY PARK

MISSIONARIES AT HOME

By MARGARET BOND

H. B. and RUTH GARLOCK — Nyasaland are doing Bible School work in both Nyasaland and Tanganyika. They report revivals in both countries.

ARTHUR and JANIE LINDVALL, San Salvador, El Salvador write of a healing which brought in a family of

five. Over 60 received the baptism of the Spirit in February. Funds are needed to pay for 50,000 Gospel portions. Send offerings to the Missions Department marked "Gospel Portions for El Salvador." Five dollars will provide for 500 portions.

News from Churches

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Springfield, Mo. in March. Missionary Flossie Kaufman and daughters were guests Mar. 20.

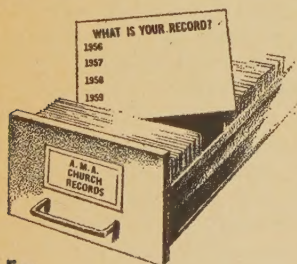
WILLITS —

The Lake-Mendocino Fellowship Meeting was held Mar. 9 with Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Bird. Leonard Palmer and J. R. Edgar were speakers. Brother Edgar has served 13 years as sectional presbyter and was honored with Mrs. Edgar at the fellowship dinner. A huge cake and gift of cash were presented. The new presbyter, Kenneth Bird, was unanimously elected. Camp Meeker Committee will have sectional representation by Howard Call, Porter Hicks and George McQueen. The Willits church had the ministry of Evangelist J. S. Reddick in March when the Sunday School was 215 and 13 were added to the church membership.

OUT OF DIST REPORTS —

DELANO —

Dick Fulmer, National Secretary of the C. A. Department was guest speaker for Pastor Huston Baker April 26. Evangelist Benny Sapp held revival meetings there in April.



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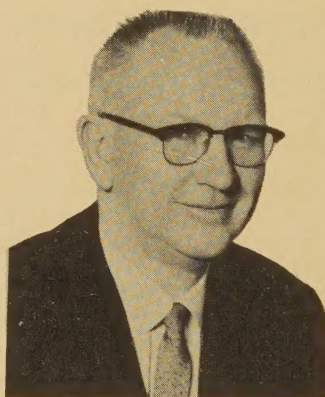
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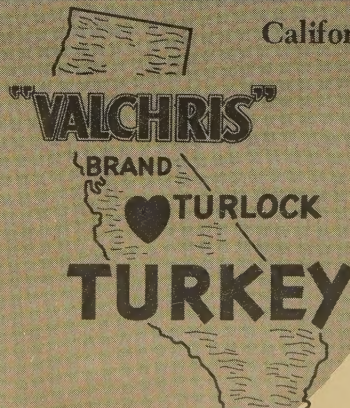
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JESUS TALKED ABOUT IT

I heard someone say the other day that he was tired of hearing our preacher talk so much about money. That started me thinking. In fact, I got thinking so much about it that I went to my New Testament, and I began to read up on the subject of Jesus' preaching. I was amazed to discover that He was constantly talking about money.

I don't remember now just how many of His parables are built about the subjects of money and of giving, but I know it seemed to me that about every other one was related to those subjects in some form.

And He was always preaching about money. He advised us not to lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust consume. He warned us that we have received freely and ought to give freely as a consequence. He talked about the people who had different amounts of money and their different responsibilities. He commended one woman for what others called waste, just because it was the outpouring of her grateful heart. At the very outset of His ministry, He declared that no one could live on possessions, no matter how many he had.

All that set me thinking harder than

ever. I began to believe that a subject which got so much attention from my Lord ought to have more attention from me.

I began to look about me and see how money did things to people. Some of them get hard and unreasonable when they get money. Others become grasping and even cruel. With still others the piling up of wealth becomes something like a mania. I know people — you know some too, I am sure — who are not even able to spend their income. I never expect to have that much of an income, but I know I must have a right attitude toward my small income or it will become a terrible master over me.

The more I studied the matter the more I became convinced that Jesus talked about money because He saw how insidious its influence in our lives might be — He saw what even a little money could do to a person if he did not take the right attitude toward it.

I do not see how Jesus could have called Himself the Light of the world if He did not have any light for us on the problem of money. And I do not see how He could call Himself the Truth unless He was willing and able to tell us the truth about money, and how to stand guard against it. I do not see how Jesus could call Himself the Way, either, if He did not show me the way to keep an upper hand on my money.

I do not have very much to give. That's because I do not have very much.

But I am grateful for the fact that our preacher is always telling us where we can make wonderful investments for the dear Christ's sake. I don't think he would be doing his duty by us if he did not tell us that kind of story.

I am glad he is always talking about money, for I am always thinking about it, and I need the spirit of Christ in my thinking about money. If I did not have it, the slender little income I have would rise up like some terrible master and embitter me and soil my soul.

If I let the financial page of the newspaper do all my thinking, or inspire all my opinions about money I would soon come to my spiritual death. If I allowed my whims, my convenience, or my impulses to dictate my giving, I would never be comfortable.

I am very sure if Jesus were pastor of our church, and if He stood in our pulpit every Sunday, He would do a lot of talking about money.

ROY L. SMITH.